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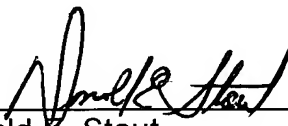
Claims 1-18 have now been shown as "cancelled" and claims 39 and 40 now have the "new" claim identifier added to them.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of the claims in the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (1156.41543X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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